Via Fax

April 4, 1996



Ms. Sheri Bianchin, RPM
United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region V (HSR-6J)
77 West Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60604-3590

RE: Construction of the Perimeter Groundwater Containment System

American Chemical Service, Inc. Superfund Site

Griffith, Indiana

Dear Ms. Bianchin:

As we discussed in our meeting on March 14, 1996, it is our objective to construct the Perimeter Groundwater Control System (PGCS) at the ACS NPL Site during the 1996 construction season. To maintain this expedited schedule, it is essential that we immediately begin procuring treatment equipment.

Our letter dated March 20, 1996 was a formal request to the U.S. EPA for the approval to proceed with procuring and installing the major components of the PGCS. The letter also proposed modifications to the 50 Percent PGCS Design that will provide groundwater capture and prevent further off-site migration of contaminants.

We continue to look forward to your approval to proceed. Based on our March 14th meeting, it was our understanding that you would respond to our request by March 27, 1996. Receipt of an approval this week would enable us to proceed with the expedited construction schedule we have proposed. If you anticipate a delay in issuance of the approval letter, please let us know.

Sincerely,

MONTGOMERY WATSON

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